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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Re Application of: Baback Gharizadeh	Examiner: Christopher M. Babic
Serial No.: 10/623,458	Art Unit: 1637
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Title: Target-Specific Multiple Sequencing Primer Pool For Microbial Typing And Sequencing Applications In DNA-Sequencing Technologies	

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This communication responds to the office action mailed on May 5, 2006 which has a shortened statutory period for reply that ended on August 5, 2006. A Petition for a one-month extension of time is enclosed to extend the period for reply to September 5, 2006.

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